



CITY OF MIAMI SPRINGS, FLORIDA

The **Miami Springs Historic Preservation Board** met at 7:00 p.m., on Wednesday, April 30, 2014 in the City Hall Council Chambers.

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m.

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

The following were present:

Chair Sydney Garton
Vice Chair Jo Ellen Phillips
Charles M. Hill*
Yvonne Shonberger

*Arrived at 7:05 p.m.

Absent: Maria Petralanda

Also Present: Council Liaison Michael Windrem
Deputy City Clerk Suzanne Hitafer

2. Approval of Minutes: January 30, 2014 Regular Meeting

Vice Chair Phillips moved to approve the minutes as written and Board member Shonberger seconded the motion, which carried 3-0 on voice vote (Board member Hill was not present at this time).

3. Presentation by Board of Parks and Parkways Chairman Eric Richey on the Renovation of the General Geiger Memorial on Curtiss Parkway

Eric Richey of 224 Reinette Drive gave a brief history of the renovation of the General Geiger Memorial that began approximately 8 months ago. He presented revised drawings of the proposed renovation (attached for the record) that hopefully will be ADA compliant. There are two plaques on the tower and the Historical Society suggested making the information more available with two additional plaques on the base of the monument.

Mr. Richey continued to explain the details of the renovation project, including the sale of bricks to raise money, similar to what was done at the Golf Course and the Curtiss Mansion.

Mr. Richey asked for the Board's support and a letter endorsing the second renovation plan with the condition that the stairs are not affected. He will go back to the Historical Society to present the plan for their endorsement. The City Lobbyist, Jose Fuentes, is lobbying Home Depot for \$5,000 and another Committee member is an American Airlines pilot who is networking with other pilots across the nation.

To answer Vice Chair Phillips' question, Mr. Richey said that the estimated cost of the project is \$10,000, considering that the labor is done by City Public Works employees.

Further discussion ensued regarding the historical nature of the Geiger memorial monument and whether or not the request is within the purview of the Board.

Vice Chair Phillips moved to write a letter in support of the project and thank Mr. Richey for all of his efforts. The motion was seconded by Board member Shonberger and it carried 4-0 on voice vote.

Chair Garton asked the Board Secretary to write the letter for her signature and Mr. Richey offered to provide the language for the letter.

4. Old Business:

a. Report from Miami-Dade County Historic Preservation Chief Kathleen Kauffman

Charles Hill stated that he did not receive a response from Kathleen Kauffman.

Vice Chair Phillips reported that the Curtiss Mansion will be sponsoring the County's Historic Preservation Board meeting at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 21st and perhaps arrangements could be made with Ms. Kauffman to speak on the subject of the Elementary School after the meeting.

b. Discussion Regarding the Designation of the Miami Springs Elementary School

The Board members discussed the designation report and agreed on additional information to be incorporated into the report by the Board Secretary.

Board member Shonberger will write an article for the River Cities Gazette requesting input from former students to be submitted to the Board Secretary.

Chair Garton will contact Principal Hutchings to request additional historical information and photographs of the school.

5. New Business:

a. Consideration of an Alternate Property for Local Historic Designation

By consensus, the Board members agreed not to consider an alternate property for local designation at this time.

b. Pioneer Resident Nominations: None

c. Curtiss Mansion Report

Vice Chair Phillips gave an update on the wood timbers, programs, activities and event bookings taking place at the Mansion.

d. Reports from Board Members

Board member Shonberger reported that the Miami Springs Historical Society held a successful bus tour last Saturday. She added that the Historical Society needs a survey for the new museum location.

e. Information/Reports from Board Liaison from City Council

Council Liaison Windrem commented on the Special Designation Category for Miami Springs Elementary School that also applies to the Golf Course. He mentioned that the City is working to determine who is liable for correcting the work on the Curtiss Mansion.

Councilman Windrem emphasized the importance of completing the on-line survey for the new aquatic facility and announced that the annual budget process will begin soon. He added that the City has a new City Clerk and will have a new Police Chief within the next eight months.


f. Preparation of the Agenda for Next Meeting

Board members determined that the next meeting would be scheduled for Wednesday, August 20, 2014. The agenda will include an item for discussion regarding the information received from the Miami-Dade County Historic Preservation Board meeting of May 21, 2014, followed by the designation of Miami Springs Elementary School.

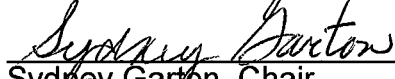
6. Adjourn

There was no further business to discuss and the meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

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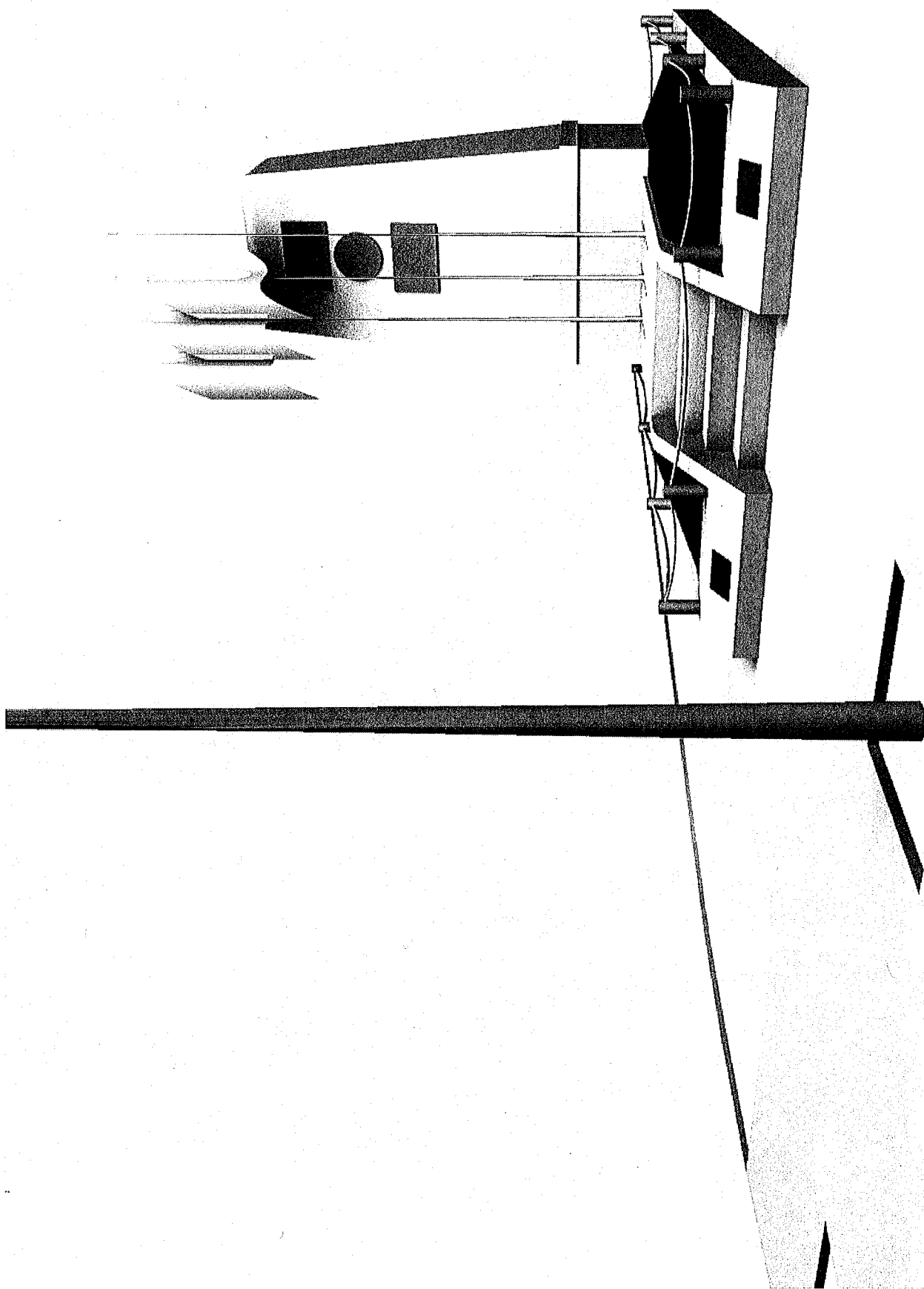

Suzanne S. Hittaffer
Board Secretary

Adopted by the Board on
this 20th day of August, 2014.

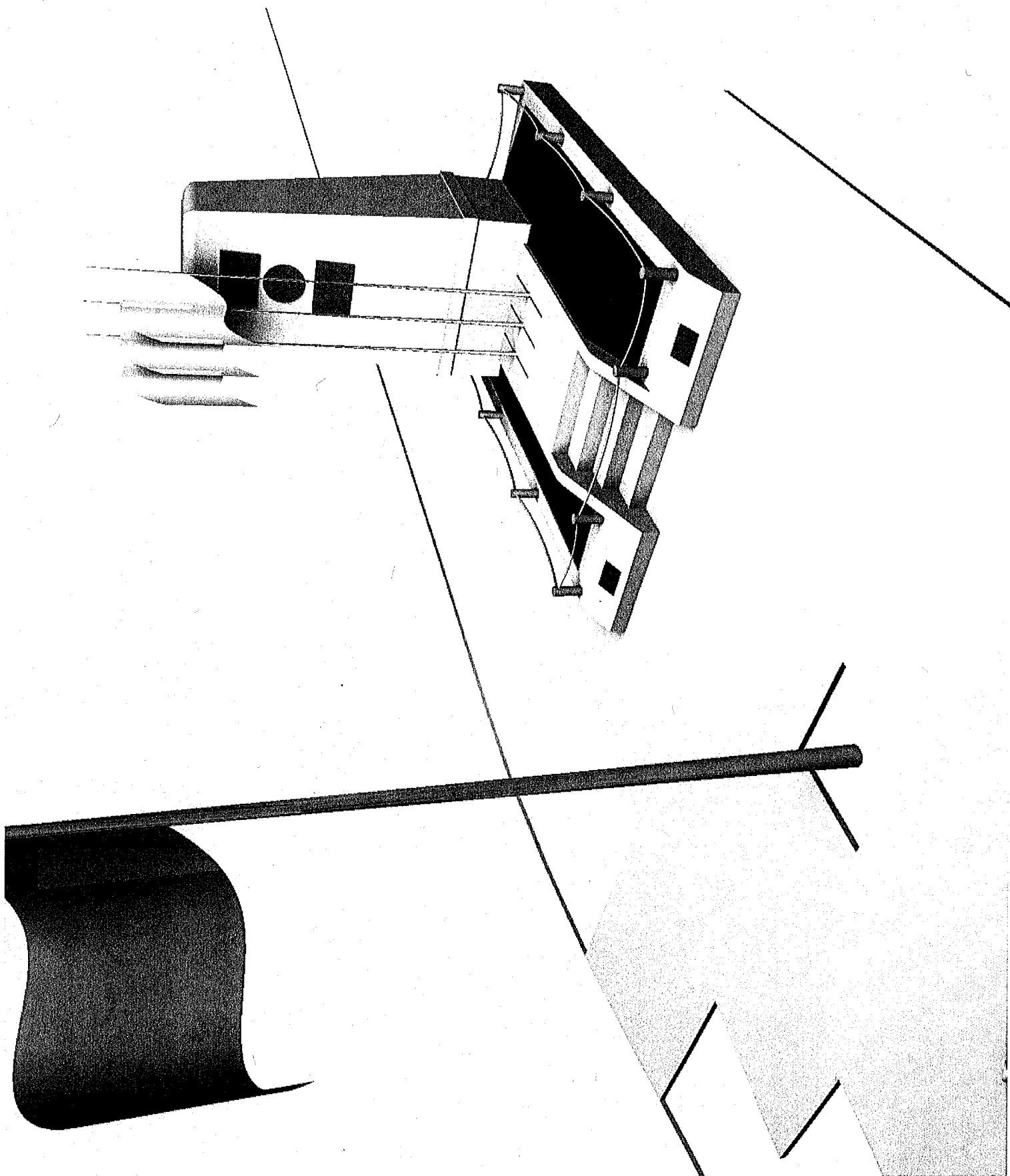

Sydney Garton, Chair

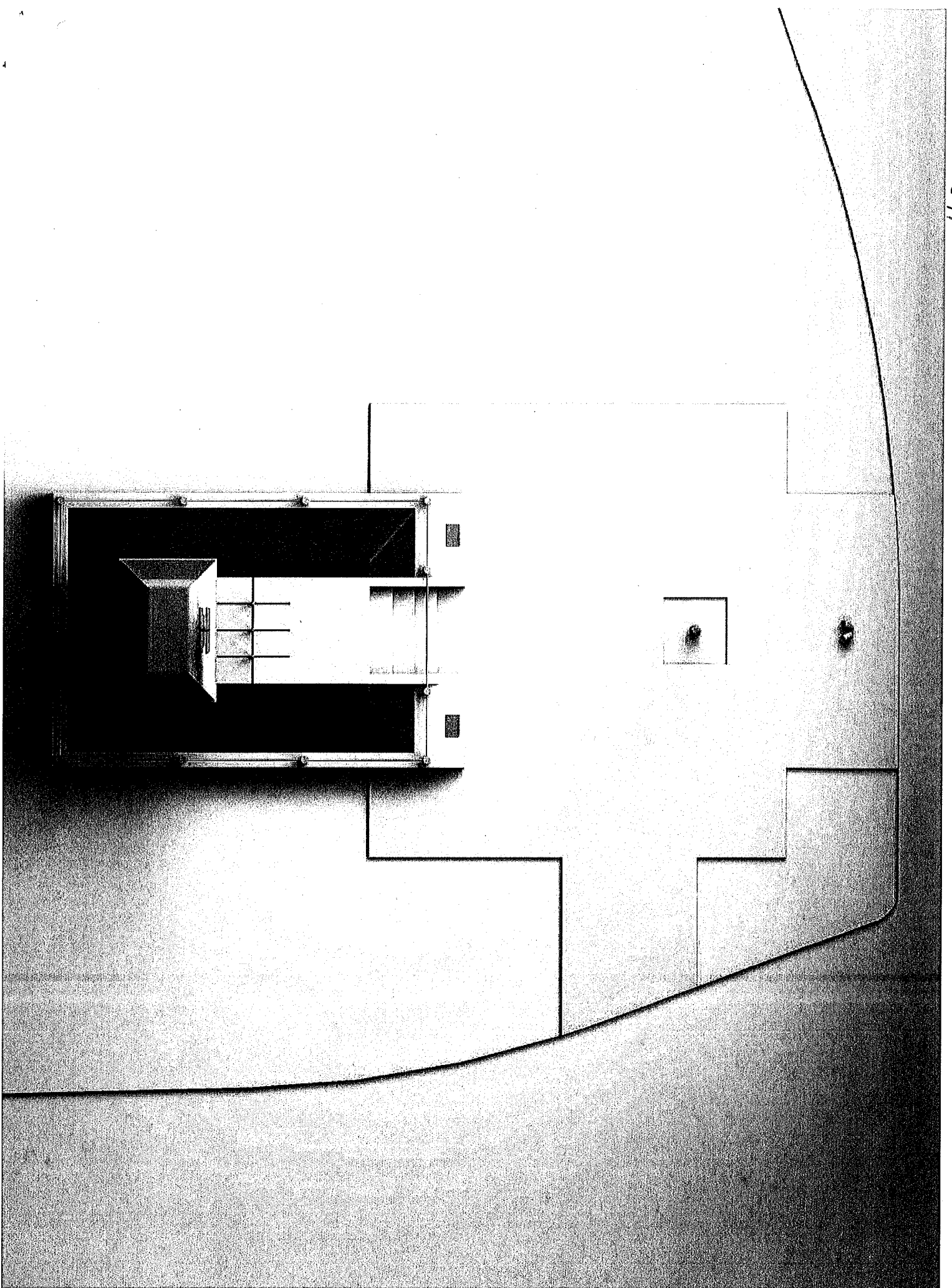
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